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In re Patent No. 6,305,143 :  
Issue Date: October 23, 2001 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
Application No. 09/344,462 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.378(c)  
Filed: June 25, 1999 :  
Attorney Docket No. 5495 : :

This is a decision on the petition, filed August 1, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is GRANTED.

The patent issued October 23, 2001. The grace period for paying the first maintenance fee expired at midnight on October 23, 2005. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

It is noted that the address on the petition differs from the address of record. Accordingly, if appropriate, petitioner should submit a "Fee Address" Indication Form (PTO/SB/47) if petitioner desires to receive future correspondence related to maintenance fees which may be mailed in the above-identified patent.

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